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SUBJ: REPORTED NATO COUNTRY DEMARCHES WITH

SOVIET UNION RE PORTUGAL

1. OFFICIAL SPANISH NEWS AGENCY "EFE" REPORTED APRIL 8 FROM BRUSSELS THAT "LA LIBRE BELGIGUE" HAD PRESS NOTICE SAME DAY ALLEGING THAT SEVERAL NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD MADE OFFICIAL DEMARCHES IN MOSCOW ON PORTUGUESE SITUATION. SUBSTANCE OF DIPLOMATIC MOVE WAS TO WARN SOVIETS OF THREAT TO PRESENT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE WHICH POSSIBLE CHANGE IN PORTUGAL'S ALIGNMENT MIGHT ENTAIL.

2. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT FRG GOVT SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRG AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS IMPLICATION OF CURRENT PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS ON DENTENTE.

3. MFA DIRECTOR OF EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ALLUDED APRIL 10 TO THESE REPORTS TO EMBOFFS AND ASKED IF EMBASSY
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COULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFO. HE NOTED THAT EMBASSIES OF

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD RECENTLY ADOPTED U.S. PRACTICE OF EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH SPAIN ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAS BEEN MUTUALLY HELPFUL. CONSISTENT WITH OUR CURRENT PRACTICE OF FREQUENT EXCHANGES ON PORTUGAL, AND WITH OUR INTEREST IN BRINGING SPAIN CLOSER TO NATO AFFAIRS, EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME INFO IT COULD PASS ON TO SPANISH REGARDING ANY RECENT COORDINATED APPROACHES BY NATO STATES TO SOVIETS ON PORTUGAL.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS INCLUDING MADRID AS INFO ADDRESSEE FOR TELEGRAMS REPORTING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH HOST COUNTRIES OF IN NATO CONTEXT.

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